Godavari, Kurnool, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and West Godavari. It is for the State Government to consider whether any or some of the colleges should be exclusively for girls. The scheme is yet to be finalized.

Regulation of SHGs

3311. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a study of Self Help Groups (SHGs) as a human resource or otherwise;

(b) whether Self Help Groups are regulated by any Central legislation or scheme;

(c) whether Government is considering regulating these Self Help Groups by a definite legal mechanism in view of the fact that crores of rupees of the exchequer are disbursed through such organizations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development had a scheme called 'Swayamsidha', under which a study was conducted to see the achievement of Self Help Groups under the scheme. The Scheme was under operation since 2000-01 and ended on 31-3-2009 after achieving its targets.

Ministry of Rural Development has a holistic scheme called 'Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana' (SGSY) with the objective of bringing assisted poor families (swarojgaries) above poverty line by *inter-alia* organizing them into Self Help Groups (SHGs) through a process of social mobilization, their training and capacity building and provision of income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and Government subsidy. There is no proposal to enact a legislation to convert the SGSY Scheme into an Act of the Parliament.

Persons with technical education

3312. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of persons above 15 years of age having technical education, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): This Ministry does not maintain the data on the number of persons above 15 years of age having technical education.

However, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have forwarded the information provided by Lead Center of National Technical Manpower Information System (NTMIS) at Institute of Applied Manpower and Research, New Delhi which has the State-wise turnout of Engineering Diploma holders and Engineering Degree holders in the year 2006 and the same is given in the Statement.